Universities is Gujarat facing precariouse financial situation

2185, SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN REn SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention had been drawn to the report which appeared in the Times of India dated 23rd August, 1993 captioned "All; universities in Gujarat facing precarious financial situation"; and

(b) if so_3 what steps have since been taken by. Government and the University Grant Commission to augment ithe resources of these Universities in Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Universities are set up by the acts of State Legislatures and their entire muntenance and development expenditure is met by the respective State Governments. UGC pro? vides only development grants to the eligible States Universities, in accordance with the prescribed norms, and that too only for a part of their requirements. It is primarily the responsibilty of the concerned State Government to provide reasonable level of plan and Non-Plan grants to the Univers'ties established by them. UGC hag liberalised the scale of planj assistance to the Universities in the 8th plan.

Festival of India in China

2186. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the! Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVE LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Festival of India is proposed to be held in China;

(b) If so, when the Festival is scheduled to be held; and

(c) what are the other countries where Festivals of India are proposed to be held?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Festival will be held for a (Period of 6 weeks in May—June, 1994.

(c) It is proposed to hold Festivals of India in Thailand and South Africa.

Activities of Zonal Cultural Centres

2187. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Zonal Cultural Centres established some time ago and now functioning;

(b) what was the amount of money given by ;he Central and State Governments respectively to these Centres; and

(c) what were the major cultural -events organised by these Centres till now?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELLA): (a) Seven Zonal Cuitural Centres were set up during the Seventh Five Year Plan and all of them are flow functioning.

(b) The details of amounts paid by the Centre and States for these Centres have been as under: